

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5 1. Apparatus to automatically send an image to a desired destination, comprising:

an optical character recognizer adapted to recognize and textually convert destination information scanned from a predetermined location; and

10 a modem adapted to automatically transmit said image based on said textually converted destination information.

2. The apparatus to automatically send an image to a desired destination according to claim 1, wherein:

15 said modem transmits said image to a telephone number corresponding to a facsimile machine identified by said textually converted destination information.

3. The apparatus to automatically send an image to a desired destination according to claim 1, further comprising:

20 a white board including a scanner.

4. The apparatus to automatically send an image to a desired destination according to claim 3, further comprising:

25 a wireless link between said scanner and said fax modem.

~~5. A method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination, comprising:~~

scanning an image of embedded characters in a document for transmission;

5 converting said scanned image of embedded characters into textual data; and

automatically sending said document to a unique destination identified by said textual data.

10 6. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 5, further comprising:

displaying said textual data.

15 7. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 6, further comprising:

requiring confirmation of said textual data before allowing said step of automatically sending said image of said document.

20 8. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 5, further comprising:

recognizing said embedded characters using an optical character recognizer.

25 9. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said embedded characters correspond to a fax telephone number.

~~10. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 8, wherein:
said embedded characters correspond to an e-mail address.~~

5 11. The method of automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 5, further comprising:
basing a method of said automatic sending based on a type of said embedded characters.

10 12. Apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination, comprising:
means for scanning an image of embedded characters in a document for transmission;
15 means for converting said scanned image of embedded characters into textual data; and
 means for automatically sending said document to a unique destination identified by said textual data.

20 13. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:
means for displaying said textual data.

25 14. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 13, further comprising:
means for requiring confirmation of said textual data before allowing said step of automatically sending said image of said document.

~~15. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:~~

~~means for recognizing said embedded characters using an optical character recognizer.~~

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16. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 15, wherein:

said embedded characters correspond to a fax telephone number.

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17. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 15, wherein:

said embedded characters correspond to an e-mail address.

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18. The apparatus for automatically sending an image to an embedded destination in accordance with claim 12, further comprising:

means for basing a method of said automatic sending based on a type of said embedded characters.

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19. A method of modifying sender information in an outgoing facsimile, comprising:

scanning sender information from a predetermined portion of a scanned page of a document; and

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including said scanned sender information in a header portion of an outgoing facsimile.

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20. The method of modifying sender information in an outgoing facsimile according to claim 19, wherein:

said scanned page is a first page of said document.

21. ~~The method of modifying sender information in an outgoing facsimile according to claim 19, wherein:~~

~~said scanned sender information is appended to default sender information.~~

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22. The method of modifying sender information in an outgoing facsimile according to claim 19, wherein:

said scanned sender information replaces default sender information.

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23. Apparatus for modifying sender information in an outgoing facsimile, comprising:

means for scanning sender information from a predetermined portion of a scanned page of a document; and

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means including said scanned sender information in a header portion of an outgoing facsimile.